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SUBJECT: CARAMANLIS REFLECTS POSITIVELY ON HELSINKI,
ANNOUNCES BALKANS CONFERENCE

1. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS HAS ASSESSED THE HEL-
SINKI CONFERENCE AND CONCLUDED TO THE PRESS THAT
"ALL SUBJECTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO GREECE AT
HELSINKI CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PROMOTED.
THE PRIME MINISTERS ASSESSMENT WAS DELIVERED IN
AUG 2 INTERVIEW HELD AS HE FLEW BACK FROM THE SUMMIT.

2. CARAMANLIS BASED HIS CONCLUSION ON THE FOLLOWING:

--WE (THE GOG) HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN OUR VIEWS ON
GENERAL SUBJECTS AT ISSUE IN CSCE;

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-- WE HAD THE CHANCE TO "ENLIGHTEN ALL EUROPEAN

GOVERNMENTS, CANADA AND THE US" ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE"
WITH THE RESULT THAT THEY FULLY RECOGNIZED THE RIGHTS OF THE GREEK
SIDE" (SIC).
PM INDICATED THIS THEN RESULTED IN THE ISOLATION
OF TURKEY.

--. WE "SUCCEEDED IN NEUTRALIZING ALL OBSTACLES" TO
GREECE'S ASSOCIATION WITH THE EC AND "IN HAVING ALL
COUNTRIES ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEED TO ACCELERATE THE
REQUIRED PROCEDURE."

3. THE PM CITED THE EC DECISION TO ATTEMPT RESOLUTION
IN THE CYPRUS ISSUE AS A POSITIVE STEP FOR GREECE. A
"RELIABLE GOVERNMENT SOURCE" IS REPORTED AS WELCOMING
THE EC INITIATIVE BECAUSE IT COMES AT A TIME WHEN THE
UNITED STATES INFLUENCE ON THE GOT IS WEAKENING, AND THE
EUROPEANS CAN FILL THE VACUUM.

4. CARAMANLIS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF
BULGARIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA HAD ACCEPTED HIS
PROPOSAL TO HOLD A BALKAN CONFERENCE SOMETIME IN THE
AUTUMN. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE UNDER
SECRETARY LEVEL.

5. COMMENT: PM CARAMANLIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESS
AT THE SUMMIT IS HARDLY SURPRISING. WE MUST WAIT
TO SEE HOW DEEPLY ROOTED AND BROADLY BASED IS THIS
OPTIMISM.
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